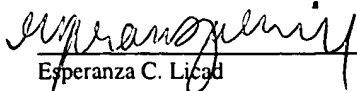


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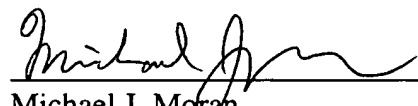
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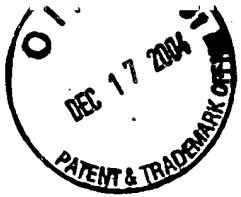
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**REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicants herewith request a two-month extension of time to respond to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application", mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 12, 2004.


Enclosed please find a check to cover the two-month extension of time which is being submitted on or before the current due date of December 13, 2004.

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